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Dear Employment & Training Stakeholder:

School Boards in Ontario play an important role in the continuum of education, skills and employment program options available to their communities. Through Adult Education departments and not-for-profit affiliates, many school boards offer a wide range of services and programs that meet a diverse range of needs. One of the unique features of adult education within school boards is the ability to develop and implement programs that are responsive to the needs of a particular community.

As a member of CESBA, the Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education School Board Administrators, I would like to share with you our vision of collaboration with government, business, industry and community stakeholders, and inspire you to involve us in your employment and training discussions.

The past ten years in Ontario has seen the evolution and growth of adult education departments that extend quite dramatically beyond the traditional areas of Continuing Education and the geographic boundaries of school boards, as well as what school boards are mandated to deliver. Much of the work done within these non-traditional adult education departments and not-for-profit affiliates is through funding from fee-for-service and various government sources; and, therefore, may not be readily associated with school boards, such as Employment Assistance Services now devolved to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities from Service Canada and becoming part of Employment Ontario.

The Employment and Skills Development (ESD) sub-committee of CESBA is made up of members who deliver such programs. The committee, with the support of the CESBA Board of Directors and Executive Director Brenda King, has developed a campaign "Work with Us" with promotional materials and a web site to help build awareness of our employment and skills development programs on many levels, including with government, other service providers, our communities, and even our own school boards! We're pleased to provide a package, and invite you and your colleagues and staff to contact us to learn more about the programs and services we offer in our communities.

With your interest and involvement, we look forward to making positive contributions to the development and delivery of Ontario's employment and training system. To learn more, visit the Work with Us web site at www.cesba.com/workwithus.

Sincerely,



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